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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during July 2016 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was up 6 percent from July 2015. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 478,000 pounds live weight, up 17 percent from July 2015. Cattle slaughter totaled 400 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,165 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 206,000 pounds live weight, down 3 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 800 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was up 16 pounds from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States - Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.87 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 4.04 billion pounds produced in July 2015.

Beef production, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.48 million head, down 1 percent from July 2015. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,345 pounds.

Veal production totaled 5.6 million pounds, 19 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 37,700 head, up 3 percent from July 2015. The average live weight was down 65 pounds from last year, at 257 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, down 8 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.76 million head, down 7 percent from July 2015. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.4 million pounds, was down 12 percent from July 2015. Sheep slaughter totaled 170,100 head, 10 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, down 4 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2016 commercial red meat production was 28.3 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2015. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was down slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

July 2015 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. July 2016 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

CATTLE ON FEED

United States - Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million

head on August 1, 2016. The inventory was 2 percent above August 1, 2015.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.57 million head, 2 percent above 2015. Net placements were 1.52 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 352,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 235,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 360,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 625,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.71 million head, 1 percent below 2015. Marketings were the lowest for July since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 50,000 head during July, 11 percent below 2015.

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

United States - Poultry certified wholesome during July 2016 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.77 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the amount certified in July 2015. The June 2016 revised certified total at 4.08 billion pounds, was up 3 percent from June 2015. The June revision represented an increase of 7.3 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during July 2016 was 4.98 billion pounds, down 5 percent from 5.25 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.31 billion pounds, down 7 percent from July 2015. Mature chickens, at 60.1 million pounds, were down 13 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 599 million pounds, up 7 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.8 million pounds, down 13 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during July 2016 averaged 6.09 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from July 2015. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.98 pounds per bird, down 6 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during July 2016 averaged 30.4 pounds per bird, up 5 percent from July 2015.

Ante-mortem condemnations during July 2016 totaled 13.1 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.26 percent of the live weight inspected, as

compared with 0.25 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 37.5 million pounds, were 0.99 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.96 percent a year earlier.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

United States - Egg production totaled 8.50 billion during July 2016, up 9 percent from last year. Production included 7.36 billion table eggs, and 1.15 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 97 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2016 averaged 358 million, up 7 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,378 eggs, up 2 percent from July 2015.

All layers in the United States on August 1, 2016 totaled 357 million, up 7 percent from last year. The 357 million layers consisted of 299 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.82 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2016, averaged 77.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 3 percent from August 1, 2015.

Egg-type chicks hatched during July 2016 totaled 42.9 million, up slightly from July 2015. Eggs in incubators totaled 38.2 million on August 1, 2016, down 14 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 268 thousand during July 2016, up slightly from July 2015.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during July 2016 totaled 810 million, up 1 percent from July 2015. Eggs in incubators totaled 650 million on August 1, 2016, up slightly from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 7.96 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2016, up 7 percent from July 2015.



AUGUST CROP PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - All other hay production (excluding alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures) is forecast at 1,026,000 tons, up 57,000 tons from 2015. The area harvested is expected to total 570,000 acres, unchanged from the previous year. Average yield per acre is forecast at 1.80 tons, up 0.10 tons per acre from 2015.

Based on August 1 conditions, **apple** production is forecast at 80.0 million pounds, down 10.2 million pounds from 2015.

Based on August 1 conditions, **peach** production is forecast at 2,900 tons (5.8 million pounds). The forecast is down 2,900 tons or 50 percent from the 2015 crop of 5,800 tons.

UNITED STATES AUGUST 1, 2016 FORECAST WITH 2015 COMPARISONS

- Corn production - 15.2 billion bushels, up 11 percent.
- Corn yield - 175.1 bushels per acre, up 6.7 bushels.
- Oats production - 76.9 million bushels, down 14 percent.
- Winter wheat production - 1.66 billion bushels, up 21 percent.
- Alfalfa and Alfalfa mixtures hay production - 61.5 million tons, up 4 percent.
- All other hay production - 79.0 million tons, up 5 percent.
- All tobacco production - 697.0 million pounds, down 3 percent.
- Burley tobacco production - 150.0 million pounds, up 4 percent.
- Soybean production - 4.06 billion bushels, up 3 percent.
- Barley production - 190.0 million bushels, down 12 percent.
- Apple production - 10.4 billion pounds, up 4 percent.
- Peach production (including CA Clingstone) - 806,600 tons, down 5 percent.
- Peach production (excluding CA Clingstone) - 486,600 tons, down 4 percent.

LAND VALUES

The United States - Farm real estate value, a measurement of the value of all land and buildings on farms, averaged \$3,010 per acre for 2016, down \$10 per acre (0.3 percent) from 2015 values. Regional changes in the average value of farm real estate

ranged from a 3.3 percent increase in the Pacific region to 4.3 percent decrease in the Northern Plains region. The highest farm real estate values were in the Corn Belt region at \$6,290 per acre. The Mountain region had the lowest farm real estate value at \$1,110 per acre.

The United States **cropland value** decreased by \$40 per acre (1.0 percent) to \$4,090 per acre from the previous year. In the Southeast region, the average cropland value increased 4.0 percent from the previous year. However, in the Northern Plains region, cropland values decreased by 5.4 percent.

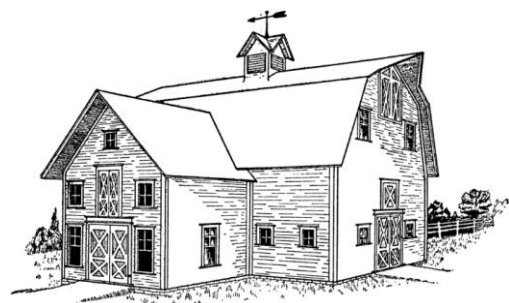
The United States **pasture value** remained constant at \$1,330 per acre. The Delta region had the highest increase of 3.9 percent from 2015. The Northeast region had the highest decrease in pasture land at 2.6 percent.

SEPTEMBER AG SURVEY ANNOUNCEMENT

West Virginia Agricultural Statistics will be conducting the September Agricultural Survey from August 26 - September 13. Representatives from our office will be contacting farmers by telephone and personal interview. Interviewers will be collecting data for the 2016 winter wheat crop and grain stocks.

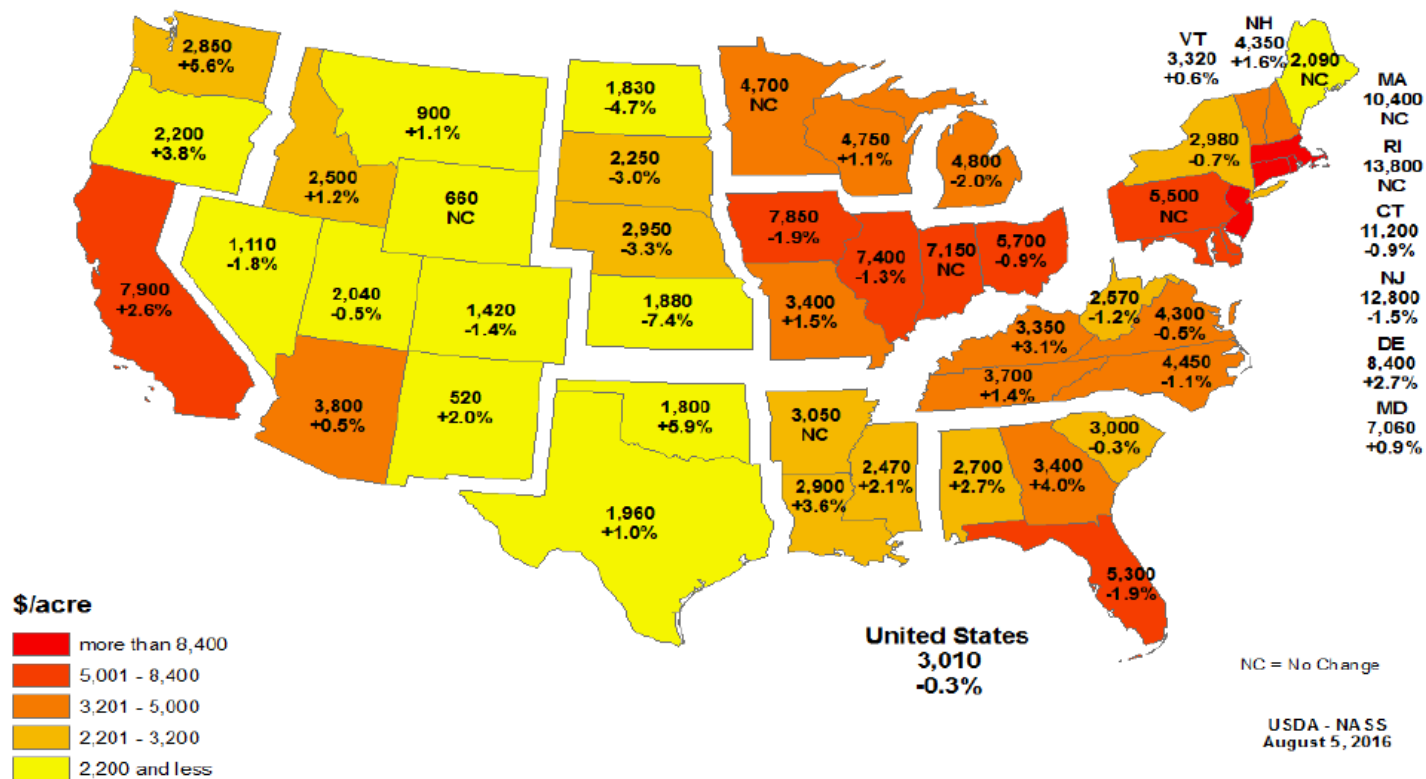
The survey provides information necessary to make objective, reliable, and comprehensive estimates that are essential to an orderly agricultural marketing system. Only a sample of farmers will be selected for the survey and those farmers will be notified by mail. The results of this survey will be released on September 30 and will be published in the October edition of the Mountain State Reporter and on our website at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/wv>.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support. Your information matters!



2016 Farm Real Estate Value by State

Dollars per Acre and Percent Change from 2015



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